

Board of Ethics Meeting Minutes

January 9, 2013

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City of Sandy Springs Board of Ethics Meeting was held at Sandy Springs City Hall, 7840 Roswell Road, Building 500, Sandy Springs, Georgia, 30350, on January 9, 2013, at 9:00 a.m.

Call to Order

Stuart Steinmark called the meeting to order at 9:10 a.m.

Roll call

Assistant City Clerk Kelly Bogner called the roll.

Board Members Present: Ted Sandler, Stuart Steinmark, David Price, Cindy Johnson, and alternates Lorrie Mell and David Baker. Kevin King joined the meeting later.

Staff and Representatives Present: City Attorney Wendell Willard and Assistant City Clerk Kelly Bogner were present.

Approval of Board minutes from October 10, 2012 Regular Meeting

Motion and Vote: Ted Sandler moved to approve the October 10, 2012, regular meeting minutes. David Price seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Old Business

There was no old business.

New Business

Reminder of dates of the remaining meetings for 2013: April 10th, July 10th, October 9th.

Lorrie Mell stated she will not be in attendance at the April 10 meeting, due to her being out of town.

Election of new officers:

City Attorney Wendell Willard asked if the Board has had a meeting since the Mayor and Council appointed the new boardmembers.

Stuart Steinmark stated alternate members were appointed to the board.

Lorrie Mell asked if the board can go ahead and make the nomination for the election of officers.

Cindy Johnson stated if Kevin King is to be nominated for a position, he should be present to accept the nomination.

David Price asked what officers are elected besides Chairman and Vice Chairperson.

City Attorney Willard read the by-laws which state "the board shall elect one of its members to serve as Chairperson and one of its members to serve as Vice Chairperson. Alternates may not serve as officers of the Board. Said elections shall be held annually in the month of January. Elected officers shall assume

their duties immediately until a successor is named. The City Clerk shall serve as the Recording Secretary to the Board."

Kevin King joined the meeting at this time.

Kevin King asked what the normal practice is for the election of officers.

City Attorney Willard stated the main business today is the election of officers. The members have staggered terms and a member term is for three years.

David Price stated at a previous meeting Assistant City Clerk Kelly Bogner identified the current terms of the members.

Assistant City Clerk Kelly Bogner stated in speaking with City Clerk Michael Casey he stated that the term limits are different than the officer elections. An officer may serve consecutive years as an officer of the board.

City Attorney Willard confirmed the information to be true.

Assistant City Clerk Bogner stated Kevin King's term ends 11/1/2014, Stuart Steinmark's term ends 11/1/2013, David Price's term ends 11/1/2013, Cindy Johnson's term ends 11/1/2013, Ted Sandler's term ends 11/1/2013, Lorrie Mell's term ends 4/13/2014, and David Baker's term ends 11/1/2014. She stated if any of those dates are incorrect please correct her.

David Price asked if three of the members' terms end in 2014 and the remaining terms end in 2013.

Assistant City Clerk Bogner responded yes.

City Attorney Willard stated if a boardmember is serving as an officer the year their term expires, the officer position would be open until the next annual meeting. He asked if any of the boardmembers have served a full term. If a board member's term expires in 2013, there is a high probability the member will be reappointed to the board.

Assistant City Clerk Bogner stated she needs to check on two board member's terms due to a discrepancy on the contact list spreadsheet. Stuart Steinmark and Ted Sandler's terms ended 11/1/2012.

Ted Sandler stated the correct term ending date is 2012. The Mayor reappoints the boardmembers for their second term unless otherwise decided.

Assistant City Clerk Bogner stated Stuart Steinmark and Ted Sandler were reappointed to the board in December 2012 and their terms will expire in 2015.

Motion and Second: David Price nominated Kevin King as the Chair of the Board of Ethics for 2013. Cindy Johnson seconded the motion.

Ted Sandler asked if Stuart Steinmark has a desire to be the Chairperson for 2013.

Stuart Steinmark responded not at this time.

Vote on the Motion: The motion carried unanimously.

Motion and Vote: Ted Sandler moved to nominate Stuart Steinmark as the Vice Chair of the Board of Ethics for 2013. Cindy Johnson seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously

Other new business:

City Attorney Wendell Willard stated the City has a project called the City Center Master Plan currently underway.

Ted Sandler asked if Council approved the consultant's plan for downtown Sandy Springs.

Stuart Steinmark asked about the purchase of the dry cleaner business and tattoo parlor.

City Attorney Willard stated it was recognized by Council there is to be an acquisition of these properties.

Ted Sandler stated the dry cleaners business called him asking him to legally represent their business in opposing the condemnation of the property. He declined the offer.

David Price asked what the underlying justification is to build a new City Hall in downtown Sandy Springs. He asked if all the City functions at the current location will move.

City Attorney Willard stated the final design of the structure for City Hall has not been decided. Any governmental agency prefers to have its own property. Goody Clancy recognizes that the City has the ability to serve as a catalyst for redevelopment in the downtown area.

David Price stated he understands the reason for a new location for City Hall. When the City services are moved, there will be a vacancy at the current facility. This decision will be great for downtown Sandy Springs, but relatively bad for the current location.

Ted Sandler stated there are two proposals that Goody Clancy has brought before Council. One of the proposals is to have the old Target site be a park. The second option is to have a limited municipal facility located at the Target site. The proposed facility would have the Municipal Court and Police Department staying at their current location.

City Attorney Willard stated the building where the Police Department is currently located is not designed for its needs. The plan is to have a multi-use City Hall.

Ted Sandler stated there is a need to have more activities for the arts and a community center compared to a traditional City Hall. He attended most of the Goody Clancy public meetings.

Stuart Steinmark asked if there has been any thought regarding the section of Hilderbrand between Roswell Road and Sandy Springs Circle as far as incorporating that area into the overall plan. His daughter attended college in a town that did some renovations. That town closed off the downtown streets to all vehicular traffic.

City Attorney Willard stated the City would like its downtown area to be pedestrian friendly.

Ted Sandler stated many of the private property rights will have to be acquired for the City Center Master Plan.

Lorrie Mell stated she is excited about the proposed changes to the downtown Sandy Springs area.

City Attorney Willard stated if the City was not incorporated, these proposed changes would not occur. The City has completed many park and sidewalk projects since 2005. The City has paved over 100 miles of road since 2005 and built over eight miles of sidewalks.

David Price stated Sandy Springs has been a tremendous success and benefit to the citizens.

Lorrie Mell stated there was an article in the newspaper recently that stated the epicenter for Metro Atlanta is no longer downtown Atlanta, but instead is in Sandy Springs.

David Price stated there is more economic revenue generated in the Perimeter area than downtown Atlanta.

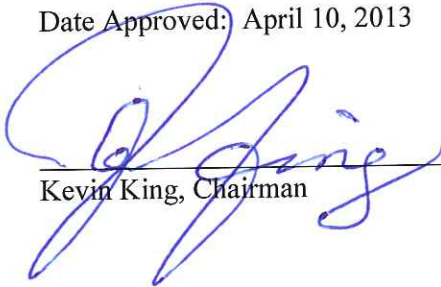
Ted Sandler stated the City's proposed downtown masterplan stops north of I-285. Only three or four property owners own that block between Lake Placid and I-285. There have been multiple attempts for the redevelopment of that area.

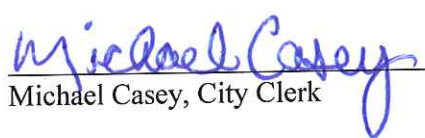
Stuart Steinmark asked about the Johnson Ferry Road project with GDOT. His subdivision is in this area and his neighbors have had many conversations regarding street lights and adding traffic lights. There have been two fatalities at the curve on the hill.

Adjournment

Motion and Vote: David Price moved to adjourn the meeting. Stuart Steinmark seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 9:32 a.m.

Date Approved: April 10, 2013


Kevin King, Chairman


Michael Casey, City Clerk